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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated November 10, 1999 for three months from February 10, 2000 to May 10, 2000.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover the cost of this extension. Any deficiency or overpayment

should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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